

PREACHING CURRICULUM



MAINTAIN YOUR RESOLVE DANIEL 1:1-21

'...Daniel is not superhuman, he just worships a supernatural God... and God blessed his resolve...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What were some of the challenges facing Daniel as a very young man taken into a lifetime of exile? _____

How did Babylon try to assimilate the young captives into their culture? _____

What are people offered today by the state, similar to the Babylonians offer to the exiles? _____

How is God the hero of the story and not Daniel (or you or I)? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How do you think you would hold up under the pressure to compromise being held in captivity as Daniel was?

Give in immediately

Resist for a bit

Resist until the last possible moment

Appear to comply but secretly resist

Openly resist

What are some pressures from the state to compromise that you have experienced? _____

How are you holding up under captivity in a godless state? _____

What are some of the ways in which we may already have been assimilated, paganized, or compromised within the society in which we live? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What does it mean to be a person of resolve vs. 8? How does God respond to our perseverance and resolve vs. 9?

What are some of the lines we should resolve not to cross in our culture? _____

What are 3 practical ways to recognize attacks of compromise and assimilation and to maintain your resolve?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Of the three applications on your list above, which one will you commit to this week? Write it down in the space below: _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT